



Meeting Minutes

Duval County Public Schools

November 20, 2024, Board Workshop

Ms. Charlotte D. Joyce, Chairman
Ms. April A. Carney, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Melody A. Bolduc
Mr. Reginald Blount
Ms. Cynthia Pearson
Mr. Anthony Ricardo
Mr. Darryl Willie
Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent

ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING OF THE DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD: All Board Members were present. Dr. Christopher Bernier, Superintendent, and Mr. Ray Poole, Office of General Counsel, were also present.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 PM

Items to be Discussed

1. DCPS LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Kortney Wesley, Director of Government Affairs; Marty Fiorentino, President, The Fiorentino Group and Joe Mobley, Partner, The Fiorentino Group gave a presentation on the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) 2025 Legislative Platform and the Duval County School Board Platform and joined in the discussion on the following items:

1. Flexible Certification Requirements for Teacher Recruitment and Retention:
 - The ability to assist teachers new to the state to enter the workforce faster.
 - Advocate for Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact.
2. Autonomy on School Start Times: it was agreed this item could remain on FSBA Platform
3. School Safety and Funding for New Mandates:
 - It was recommended to have Jim Culbert testify to committees on how our schools and local police work together.
 - A request to have flexibility for background checks for volunteers. Currently, the charge is \$97.50 for 5 years. Request to have a clause for \$20 for 1 year, to help assist one-time chaperones with the burden of paying for 5 years.
4. Fully fund (Voluntary Prekindergarten) VPK in Title I Schools and Improve CLASS Training Delivery: it was agreed this item could remain on the FSBA Platform.

5. Increased Funding for Transportation Services:

- It was recommended to show that we have a plan in place to trim costs, which might help ensure we receive additional funding.
- A recommendation to request a base student increase.

6. Workforce Development: Support for Career and Technical Education (CTE) through Career and Professional Education (CAPE):

7. Enhance Middle School Accountability:

8. Support for CTE Appropriations:

- It was recommended to combine items 6, 7, and 8 and bring them back for review to add to the DCPS Platform in addition to items 1, 3, and 5 above.

2. ENROLLMENT ORGANIZATION

Dr. Tracy Pierce, Chief Officer, Communications presented a PowerPoint presentation, Enrollment Organization, November 2024. He and Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Changes in the K-12 market ecosystem from 1991 to 2024.
- Enrollment shift.
- Organizational evolution to thrive in a competitive market.
- Choice strategy.
- Enrollment strategy.
- Execution of strategies.
- December workshop.
- Job description for Chief of Enrollment.
- Timeline for the implementation of the plan.
- Appreciation for the plan, but needs to be more aggressive.
- The need to determine why families are unenrolling from the district. Identify the breakdown of why.
- The need to determine what the district is doing to keep the families once enrolled.
- Identify what we want the Duval experience to be from beginning to end and build the plan from there.

3. DCPS TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

The meeting was recessed at 1:56 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:01 P.M.

Erika Harding, Assistant Superintendent, Chief of Operations presented a PowerPoint presentation, DCPS Transportation Update. She and Dr. Bernier joined in the discussion on the following:

- Overview of district transportation.
- Revenue and cost analysis.
- Transportation quick facts, which include annual base miles, total daily miles, number of unique bus stops, number of Gen-Ed, and ESE routes, age of fleet.
- Service providers.
- Driver pool based on consolidations.
- On time arrivals.
- Service & communication improvements.

- Edulog - The new bus app.
- myRIDE2School Program.
- Cost savings measures.
- Comparison of the Big 7 Districts.
- Ridership and costs.
- Current considerations.
- Transportation vouchers redeemed come out of the district budget.
- Upcoming December workshop.

4. GOVERNANCE

The following items were discussed during governance:

- The board office vehicle for the upcoming FSBA conference.

Adjournment

1. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That the Duval County School Board move to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 P.M.

Vote Results:

Motion: Darryl Willie

Second: April A. Carney

PASSED: 7-0

Aye:

Charlotte D. Joyce

April A. Carney

Reginald Blount

Melody A. Bolduc

Cindy Pearson

Anthony Ricardo

Darryl Willie

Nay:

None

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Superintendent

Chairman